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INTRODUCTION

This collection accounts, applications, bills of sale, certificates, correspondence, court records, estate papers, military records, photographs, poems, promissory notes, receipts, and a few miscellaneous items is concentrated in the years of the American Civil War and includes 136 letters most of which are by Confederate and Union soldiers.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Walter King Hoover Collection containing 290 items spans the years 1810-1949 and is concentrated in the years of the American Civil War, 1861-1865, and consists of accounts, applications, bills of sale, certificates, correspondence, court records, estate papers, military records, photographs, poems, promissory notes, receipts, and a few miscellaneous items.

Among the earliest items are seventeen bills of sale for the purchase and sale of slaves for the years 1810-1857 in Georgia, South Carolina, and Tennessee. Prominent among the purchasers documented in this collection are Jacob Chrisman of Davidson County, Tennessee, Joseph Cannon of Rutherford County, Tennessee, and George and William Thompson of Charleston, South Carolina. Prices paid for these slaves ranged from the fifty dollars paid by Nancy Beall to her father Joseph Chambers for a man named John in Franklin County, Georgia, in 1845 to the one thousand seventy-five dollars paid by A. S. Caldwell to H. C. Chambers for the boy Benny in 1855. In 1848, George Thompson and Son of Charleston, South Carolina, paid James W. Gray, \$6,635 for a group of twenty-one slaves.

Correspondence for the years 1860-1912 is concentrated in the years of the American Civil War and includes letters by soldiers in both the Confederate and Union armies. Prominent among the Confederate correspondents is Major Henry Connor MacLaughlin (1833-1870) of Nashville, Tennessee, who enlisted in the Confederate service with the Vicksburg Light Artillery Regiment in Mississippi and spent the most of the early months of the war with his regiment laying siege to the Union – held Fort Pickens near Pensacola, Florida. Major MacLaughlin was later captured by Union forces and spent the last months of the war as a prisoner at Camp Chase near Columbus, Ohio. Twenty letters by Major MacLaughlin for the years 1860-1866 are included. In addition to the war time experiences with his regiment MacLaughlin comments on the activities in prewar Memphis; the Arkansas secession convention in Little Rock; Nashville after the war and his work with the Union and American. Seven letters by James A. Hall, quartermaster of the 24th Alabama Infantry, are included for the years 1862-1864 and describes regimental activities near Murfreesboro, Tennessee, during the Atlanta campaign. Five letters by Thomas B. Hall, a Montgomery, Alabama resident, and a member of one of the regiments attached to Bragg's Army of Tennessee, describe campaigns of the army in Mississippi, Tennessee, and Kentucky in 1862. Twelve letters for 1864-1865 by Major D. H. C. Spence, District Commissary of Subsistence for West Tennessee, are also included and are concerned with supplies for Confederate armies under Forest and Hood.

Included in correspondence from Union soldiers are 13 letters by James Beard of DeKalb County, New York, a member of the 142nd New York Volunteer Infantry Regiment. Beard's letters which are undated and for 1862-1864 are from camps in Virginia and from Folly Island near Charleston, South Carolina. Three undated letters by Amos Fisk, a member of Company I, 92nd Illinois Volunteer Infantry Regiment, describe activities in Middle Tennessee. The letters by Charles W. Sayer, 142nd New York

Infantry Regiment, describe his recovery from illness or battle wounds in army hospitals in Virginia and regimental activities in South Carolina near Charleston in 1862-1864.

Union army activities in Virginia are described in nine letters by Henry F. Sayer, 44th New York Infantry Regiment, in 1864-1865. Henry Sizeland's three letters in 1864 describe activities of his regiment, the 20th New York Cavalry in Virginia. Three letters by James Whiteford of the 106th New York Infantry Regiment, give an account of the campaigns near North Mountain and Petersburg, Virginia in 1863-1864.

Prominent persons mentioned in the correspondence include P. G. T. Bearuregard, Braxton Bragg, John C. Breckinridge, Don Carlos Buell, John S. Dasheill, Jefferson Davis, Stephen A. Douglas, Nathan Bedford Forrest, Ulysses S. Grant, Isham G. Harris, John B. Hood, Samuel Jones, Joseph E. Johnston, George G. Meade, John Hunt Morgan, Sterling Price, William S. Rosecrans, Carter L. Stevenson, Earl Van Doren, Joseph Wheeler, Lewis T. Wigfall, and Jones M. Withers. Important topics mentioned include Arkansas, Atlanta campaign, bushwhackers, Chattanooga campaign, Civil War, cotton, Memphis, Nashville, politics and government, secession and slavery.

Military records consist of certificates of appointment; discharges; enlistment notices; forage statements; hospital records; orders; ordinance invoices; parole; passes; permits; quartermaster accounts; receipts; and reports. Hospital reports are for members of Company A, 7th Rhode Island Volunteer Infantry Regiment for the years 1863-1865. Quartermaster records are for Company B, 22nd Virginia Infantry Battalion, C. S. A., 1862; 4th Rhode Island Volunteer Infantry, U. S. A., 1865; and Company A, 7th Rhode Island Volunteer Infantry, 1863-1865.

Other items in the collection include an obituary for General Joseph B. Palmer, CSA, 1825-1890; a photograph of Major Henry C. MacLaughlin, C.S.A.; and lyrics to "The Girl I Left Behind Me" by B. L. Ridley.

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- Noyes, J. H., to Commander Company A, 7th Rhode Island Volunteers, July 20, 1863, re: death of Joseph W. Burdick, a member of Company A, 2-6
- Oliver, Thomas W., to Major Hall, 1862, re: receipt of telegram; no chance for recovery of body buried at Munfordsville, Kentucky; Generals Breckinridge and Samuel Jones to leave Knoxville with about 15,000-20,000 men, 2-6
- Paulding County Veterans Assn., to Capt. John B. Beall, 1890, re: invitation to meet with Paulding County Veterans Assn., Dallas, Georgia, 2-6

Perrin, Marcus, to Isaac Beard, 1863, re: news from camp of 20th New York Cavalry; Camp Bell, Virginia; plenty of bread, pork, and beef; don't like girls here as well as those in DeKalb County, New York, 2-6

Richards, Chas L., to Mr. Boyce, 1865, re: payment of two months hire for Elijah and Ceasar, 2-6

Sayer, Charles W. (10), n.d. and 1862-1864, re: requests writing paper and envelopes, postage stamps, and bottle of rum; new from regiment at Washington, D. C.; log rolling at Cooper's Falls; has done no work and getting fat as a hog; sick in hospital at Camp Bliss, Virginia, James and rest of company out on picket duty; in hospital at Fairfax Seminary, Virginia near Alexandria, Virginia; from U. S. Army Gen. Hospital, Fairfax Seminary, Virginia, about 1200 sick and wounded soldiers sent to hospital; another battle at Bulls Run – guess the Rebs were whipped this time; regiment ordered to Charleston; James comes by to see me; Henry Haven has arm amputated; coat and blanket sent home by Jack Heflin who was discharged; news from the camp of 142nd New York regiment at Folly Island, South Carolina about 14 miles from Charleston; not very healthy – many sick; live on hard tac and pork; news from regiment of Folly Island, South Carolina; Jim appointed acting commander for company; regiment on Kiawah Island, South Carolina; buys barrel of apples for \$9.00; warm winter in South Carolina; old darkey says they plant corn here in March, 2-7

Sayer, Henry F. (9), 1864-1865, re: with regiment at Hartes (?) Island, New York; boat trip from New York to Petersburg Virginia with 44th New York Volunteers Regiment; at Hartes (Hart) Island, New York with regiment; suggests that Capt. Thorndike be contacted for payment of \$300 in the hire of substitute for Mr. Grage; also to apply for county bounty and city bounty; regiment moves toward Danville Railroad but does not attack; unable to get photograph made; Isaac unable to draw bounty money due to Henry Sayer; putting up winter quarters at Mellon Railroad; heard of another call for 300,000 more troops; advises Dave to stay home with family; successful raid on Weldon Railroad; building winter quarters; boys on march drink too much apple brandy; bully news from Sherman and Thomas, cold enough to freeze a Norwegian; due to illness sent to hospital in Philadelphia; not much snow in Philadelphia; Philadelphia is 12 miles across – largest city in U.S.; still at hospital in Philadelphia; night watch every third night; put in guardhouse and transferred; on guard duty, 2-8

Seihel, J. J., to Major Bolling Hall, 1862, re: suggest Col. Morgan take Boling's Company in his regiment as association would be excellent – Morgan and Weems are both men of intelligence, character, high social standing and sobriety; loss of letter to Elmore causes no inconvenience; Boling's interview with the Governor concerning the command of a brigade by Seihel; Col. Morgan working to have Rodes transferred from the brigade and Seihel appointed in his place, 2-9

Sherwin, Obe, to Fannie Sherwin, 1864, re: news from Stevenson, Alabama; learns regiment; regiment seen at foot of Lookout Mountain going to the front; all troops between Stevenson, Alabama and Nashville being rushed to the front at Chattanooga; travel on cars from Nashville; railroads blocked with troop trains; army has supplies for 2 or 3 months in Chattanooga; hopes that money sent to be used to buy groceries for a long time, 2-9

Sizeland, Henry (3), 1864, re: Company at Pongo (?) Landing about 4 miles from Atlantic Ocean; mild winter; only scrub fights among own troops; letter to be directed to Company H, 20th New York Cavalry, Washington, D. C., hot dry dusty weather at Newport News, Virginia; the 142nd Regiment has been here carrying dispatches from telegraph office to officer; appreciates assistance provided by Isaac Beard; receipt of news concerning the wounding of Charles and the killing of other boys; regiment located about 80 miles from Newport news, Virginia at West Point, Virginia; send for reinforcements because rebel companies only 30 miles away, 2-9

Spence, D. H. C. (12), to Capt. C. B. Huggins, 1864-1865, re: Forrest requests 5,000 lbs. flour at Jackson and at Spring Creek as soon as possible; send all what possible to Hester's Mill at Spring Creek – Capt. Johnson there to receive; Huggins and Northway to go to Obion; Anderson and others at Trenton to go to Correl after cattle; order to furnish 10,000 lbs. of flour at Trenton, Huntington and Paris; Johnson to Huntingdon and Huggins ordered to Trenton; keep 10,000 flour on hand; Taliaffero ordered to report to Huggins; Capt. Gay to provide assistance if needed; Taliaffero sent to assist in taking can of 10,000 lbs. flour; release Northway for return home; Forrest or his CS to send orders; arrives for holding Cole Ward and Terrell responsible for return of Capt. Johnson's horse; Forrest may cross into Middle Tennessee and not need flour; Stratton leaves for South; Oscar Ross brings letter from wife; Jo Neilson receives shirts and gloves from Sally; Miller to be charged with all wheat put in his mill; to deliver 35 pounds flour for each bushel of wheat and keep balance for his toll; payment for hauling wood; stay at Trenton to dispense with flour; if Hurd winters at Corinth he will need all surplus hogs; Mason left for Lexington and expected to meet Forrest and get instructions about flour; no word received yet, sent 110 sacks of flour by Waggener to be stored at mill or some safe place; getting men to meet at Cageville, to canvass country west and south west of Trenton for hogs; Carter leaves for Corinth with 430 cattle; rumor that Hood and Forrest in Middle Tennessee; Mrs. Spence may pass through Trenton; moving office in Jackson; if Forrest sends orders to press wagons to Corinth tell him to "kiss your butt"; Anderson sends 166 head of cattle to Lancefield and returned to Union City for others; going to Corinth; hire wagon to haul flour to Jackson; now word from Mason on flour; flour to be left at Trenton; order from Major W. E. Moon, Chief of Commissary Service, CSA on the collection of 250 – 300,000 pounds of wheat within 100 miles north of Corinth, Mississippi on west bank of Tennessee River and conversion of same into flour; implementation of orders for flour for hospitals of Hoods Army; collection of

- wheat in West Tennessee; terrible trip to Corinth; orders payment of \$4.00 on old receipts and \$5.50 new purchases; all surplus men to report to Ben Wilson at Gwin's Mill in Carroll County; send best flour to Jackson for Bull Brigade; limit wheat to 1200 bushels; return army wagon with good flour to Jackson; be prepared to go to Middle Tennessee; enemy on river in heavy force and expected to force Forrest from Corinth; movement of enemy to decide future; fraudulent orders for 2400 lbs. of flour taken by a Mr. O' Connor from Fitz Mill at Shady Grove; orders to investigate matter at Trenton, 2-10
- Stewart, Charles P., to Mrs. E. P. Stewart, n.d., re: requests money for clothing and blankets for Confederate prisoner at Camp Morton, Indianapolis, Indiana, 2-11
- Swayne, N. B. H., to Gen. John Dunlap, 1863, re: note enclosed from son a Confederate prisoner in Pennsylvania
- Treasury Department, to Isaac S. Davis, 1877, re: rejection of request for refund, 2-11
- Walker and Wills, to J. L. Davis, 1872, re: prosecution of Davis' claim against U. S. Government, 2-11
- West, Jacob, to J. F. Shaw, 1863, re: winter quarters in lines near Richmond; disaffection among men in regiment; only 150 men in regiment; requests information on catching deserters, 2-11
- Whiteford, James (3), 1863-1864, re: camp at North Mountain, Virginia; picket duty; report that rebels plan to raid; to have picture taken when possible; Englishmen and Canadian as messmates; regiment at Martinsburg, Berkeley County, Virginia; regiment drills about 6 hours per day; rainy weather; country is mountainous; awful to see destruction of property – buildings not close together but houses are nice; sorry to learn of John's death; news from winter camp of the 106 New York Regiment near Petersburg, Virginia; four soldiers in hut 7 x 10 feet; sees quite a few Boys from New York – Joseph Samson, William Wall, David Baxter, William Gibbons, Noah Parker, steady fire on Petersburg – great deal of firing at Dutch Gap, 2-11
- Young, John T., to Wife and Parents, 1863, re: battle for Lookout Mountain in progress with cannons roaring all around; returned from trip to Bridge port with wagon train; food supplies are scarce; to send money home when payed; Gen. Rosecrans has been replaced by Gen. U. S. Grant; Army consolidated into three brigades; writer a member of 7th Kentucky Regiment, Third Brigade, Third Division, IV Army Corps, U.S.A., 2-11